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Angel Carreras

RAND PROTEST

Several people protested Prince Mohammed bin Salman Tuesday. "We have been following him from DC to New York to Seattle to California to Houston. He shouldn't be getting this warm welcome he's receiving," said Natasha Rappazzo from Code Pink. "He's not a prince charming. He's overseeing the Saudi-led war in Yemen that's causing the biggest humanitarian crisis we've ever seen. His oppressive regime and he are here in some PR stunt to show he's some reformer, a great progressive, but he's not. We're going to keep following him around and hold him accountable when no one else is."

City makes deadline for digital submissions before Council meetings

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Citing increased concerns over digital security, the City Council has approved new rules for submitting electronic presentations by instating a 12 p.m. deadline to give the City Clerk time to screen digital files for viruses the day of a meeting. Before the March 27 meeting when the Council approved the deadline, there was no established procedure to review media files like PowerPoint presentations, videos, audio, images and

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Frank Gehry building could house Wolfgang Puck at Will Rogers beach

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A new Los Angeles power couple emerged this week when famed architect Frank Gehry and celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck were chosen to reimagine Gladstone's restaurant at Will Rogers State Beach.

The two are part of the newly formed PCH Beach Associates and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to begin exclusive negotiations with the company on Tuesday after a year-long search for a new partner at the popular beach eatery.

Sea View Restaurants Inc. has operated the restaurant since 1997 but their concession agreement expired last year and the County said the existing facility is outdated. The Board has extended that contract for up to five years to keep the site operational during the search for a new vendor and if initial

SEE WOLFGANG PAGE 7

States, cities sue US over census citizenship question

LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

Seventeen states, the District of Columbia and six cities sued the U.S. government Tuesday, saying the addition of a citizenship question to the census form is unconstitutional.

Federal funding and congressional representation are at stake in the dispute over the Trump administration's move to reinstate the citizenship question to the 2020 census. It would be the first time in 70 years that the government uses the form sent to every household to ask people to specify whether they are U.S. citizens.

New York Attorney General Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, a Democrat who announced the new lawsuit in Manhattan federal court, said the plans would have a "devastating effect on New York, where we have millions of immigrants."

"It's unlawful. It's unfair,"

SEE CENSUS PAGE 6

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SP2523

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **B** or **C-10** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

18ENT-0036, 3008 Santa Monica Boulevard. Development Review Permit (DRP) No. 18ENT-0036 to allow for an amendment to a previously approved DRP (15ENT-0314) for a project containing 26 units and 3,450 square-feet of commercial tenant space. The proposed amendment would change the affordable housing component of the project from four very-low income units to two extremely-low income units. No physical changes to the project are proposed. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT: Stanford West, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Albinas and Vita Markevicius Trust.**

Recommendation to Amend the Civic Center Specific Plan. The Planning Commission will consider adopting a formal recommendation to the City Council to adopt minor amendments to the Civic Center Specific Plan that are consistent with Council's direction to devleop the Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field and the City's emphasis on managing and sharing exiting parking resources as a whole system.

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission before or at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 4

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle
A monthly meeting of SCBWI, an organization of children's writers and illustrators. Open to all. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Civic Love
Join the Beautify Earth team and partners - for the second Civic Love event at The Victorian (on Santa Monica's Main Street), to connect with fellow community members and learn how, together, we can beautify and create positive change in our neighborhoods and communities through service, and taking action. 7 – 10 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown)
Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5

Introduction to T'ai Chi
Instructor Pat Akers demonstrates the gentle flowing movement of the T'ai Chi exercise. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGOS and Games at Main
Get creative with LEGOs, try fun tabletop games, or do some coloring. Ages 4-10. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 pm. - 4p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Día Celebration with Kathleen Contreras
In celebration of Día's commitment to diversity and motivating children and their families to be readers, Fairview Library invites you to join author Kathleen Contreras as she presents her book Sweet Memories/Dulces recuerdos. Free signed book giveaway, while supplies last. For grades Pre-K-3. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 7

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (downtown)
The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)
A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood that offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Caturday at the Library
Celebrate cats with a fun-filled day of cat-tivities and real kitties. For cat lovers of all ages. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Ambulance stolen from LA hospital recovered after pursuit

An ambulance stolen from outside a downtown Los Angeles hospital was pursued east into San Bernardino County where the driver was taken into custody.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey says the ambulance was stolen around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday while its paramedic crew was transferring a seriously ill patient to staff inside California Hospital Medical Center.

The vehicle was parked in the hospital's ambulance bay at the time.

Los Angeles police and then the California Highway Patrol followed the ambulance in a slow-speed chase.

The pursuit ended around 1:15 a.m. on State Route 71 in Chino Hills. Humphrey says the ambulance did not appear to be damaged.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH

California's 'Surf City' to sue over state's 'sanctuary' law

Leaders of Huntington Beach, California, have voted to oppose a state law limiting police collaboration with federal immigration agents.

The Orange County Register reports the Huntington Beach City Council voted 6-1 late Monday to sue the state over the so-called sanctuary law.

The city of 200,000 people is the latest to take action over the law passed by California's Democratic legislature to fend off the Trump administration's stepped up deportations.

Orange County leaders voted last week to join a U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit against California while councilmembers in the small, nearby city of Los Alamitos are seeking to exempt the community from the measure.

Huntington Beach is nicknamed "Surf City" and located about 35 miles (56 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles.

- ASSOCIATED PRESS

US targets waiver letting California steer emissions limits

ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

Scott Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, turned his sights this week on a nearly half-century-old federal waiver that allows California to pursue its own, tough tailpipe emission standards, and allows other states to opt in to California's standards rather than federal ones if they choose.

The waiver has allowed California, the U.S. state with the most people and the biggest economy, to steer the rest of nation toward tougher limits on car and truck emissions that pollute the air and change the climate.

Pruitt said this week the agency will work with all states, including California, to set new pollution and mileage standards for gas- and diesel-powered vehicles.

Here's a look at California's unique waiver from federal emissions standards for cars, why it matters to the rest of the country, and what could happen if the Trump administration moves against California's ability to set its own vehicle-emissions standards.

WHAT IS THE WAIVER?

A combination of climate, geography and a lot of cars and trucks has given California some of the worst smog in the country, especially in the Los Angeles basin and other inland valleys. To fight that, California has regulated vehicle-tailpipe emissions since before 1970, when the EPA and the federal Clean Air Act came into force. Because of that, Congress wrote an exemption into the landmark Clean Air Act: California could seek waivers to set its own limits for pollutants from cars as long as its rules were at least as tough as federal standards. Since then, Democratic and Republican administrations have renewed California's waiver dozens of times. A Trump administration challenge would revive an abortive 2007 effort by the Bush administration to block California's power to set its own emissions rules.

WHY DOES THE WAIVER MATTER?

While the California waiver is unique, at least 12 other states in the Northeast and elsewhere have chosen to opt into the tougher tailpipe emissions standards that California sets. That means up to 40 percent of cars on the road nationwide follow California's emissions standards.

Gasoline and diesel exhaust is a main source of pollutants and gases that endanger public health and are changing the climate. California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, wants to reduce the state's climate-changing greenhouse-gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Receiving continued federal waivers for progressively tougher state emissions standards will be a critical part of that.

Currently the federal and California standards are the same.

Some car manufacturers and conservative groups want the EPA to roll back federal controls on greenhouse-gas emissions from vehicles, arguing for a single emission standard set by the federal government. That makes the question of whether California's waiver survives still more critical nationally.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MOVES AGAINST THE WAIVER?

California officials have vowed to fight to preserve the state's waiver.

"We're ready to file suit if needed to protect these critical standards and to fight the Administration's war on our environment," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Monday in a statement. "California didn't become the sixth-largest economy in the world by spectating."

The Trump administration would have a tough fight legally if it tries to revoke California's waiver outright, especially since it's stood for nearly a half-century, said Richard Frank, director of the California Environmental Law and Policy Center at the University of California, Davis.

California would have "somewhat less of a powerful argument" legally, however, if the Trump administration refuses to renew the waiver the next time the state comes before the EPA with a plan to tighten state emissions rules, Frank said.

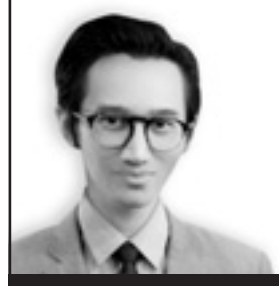
President George W. Bush's administration made its own move against California's unique say on emissions standards in 2007, for the first time denying California its waiver.

Before courts could decide the matter conclusively, the Obama administration reversed that waiver denial in 2009.

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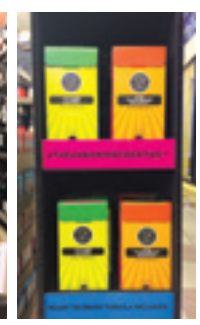
• Submission Deadline is April 25, 2018 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

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Proposal would limit when California police can shoot guns

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Several lawmakers and the family of a 22-year-old unarmed black man who was fatally shot by police proposed Tuesday that California become the first state to significantly restrict when officers can open fire.

The legislation would change the standard from using "reasonable force" to "necessary force."

That means officers would be allowed to shoot only if "there were no other reasonable alternatives to the use of deadly force" to prevent imminent serious injury or death, said Lizzie Buchen, legislative advocate for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is among the groups behind the measure.

"We need to ensure that our state policy governing the use of deadly force stresses the sanctity of human life and is only used when necessary," said Assemblywoman Shirley Weber, a San Diego Democrat who introduced the bill. "Deadly force can be used, but only when it is completely necessary."

The goal is to encourage officers to try to defuse confrontations or use less deadly weapons, said Democratic Assemblyman Kevin McCarty of Sacramento, who is co-authoring the legislation.

"We should no longer be the target practice or victims of a shoot first, ask questions later police force," said Assemblyman Chris Holden, chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus.

But some in law enforcement called the proposal irresponsible and unworkable.

Officers already use deadly force only when necessary and are taught to try to defuse dangerous situations first when possible, said Ed Obayashi, a Plumas County sheriff's deputy and special prosecutor who trains officers and testifies in court on police use of force.

Tinkering with legal protections for police could make it more difficult to hire officers and be dangerous because they may hesitate when confronting an armed suspect, threatening themselves and bystanders, Obayashi said.

Spokesmen for the California Police Chiefs Association and California State Sheriffs' Association said they had not seen the proposal and could not comment.

Weber, who heads a public safety oversight committee, said she hopes the recent heavily publicized string of police shootings of minority suspects and mass protests over last month's death of Stephon Clark will be enough to overcome any law enforcement resistance.

Two Sacramento officers chased Clark, who was suspected of breaking into cars, into his grandparents' darkened backyard and opened fire within seconds and without identifying themselves as police because they said they thought he had a gun. Investigators found only a cellphone.

Changing the legal standard might mean that more people confronted by police "could go home. They may be able to wake up" the next day, said Clark's uncle, family spokesman Curtis Gordon.

"A life may be saved in that blink" of time before officers open fire, he said. "If you feel some sort of repercussion, you may act a little more cautiously."

Several black community leaders at the news conference called the proposal "a good first step."

Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn told The Associated Press last week that he is open to examining the department's policies on pursuing suspects and other practices but warned that changes could carry consequences.

California's current standard makes it rare for officers to be charged after a shooting and rarer still for them to be convicted. Frequently it's because of the doctrine of "reasonable fear." If prosecutors or jurors believe that officers have a reason to fear for their safety, they can use deadly force.

The tougher proposed standard could require officers to delay confronting a suspect they fear may be armed until backup arrives or force police to give explicit verbal warnings that suspects will be killed unless they drop the weapon," said Buchen of the ACLU.

The proposal would open officers who don't follow the stricter rules to discipline or firing, sometimes even criminal charges.

The ACLU says California would be the first state to adopt such a standard, though some other law enforcement agencies, including San Francisco, have similar or more restrictive rules.

Cities' strict standards are generally for situations where there is time to de-escalate volatile situations, such as with people who are mentally unstable, Obayashi said.

The lawmakers and ACLU point to a 2016 study by policy analyst and racial justice advocate Samuel Sinyangwe that analyzed use-of-force policies by major U.S. police departments. He found that officers working under more restrictive policies are less likely to kill and less likely to be killed or assaulted.

Officers fatally shot 162 people in California last year, only half of whom had guns, the lawmakers said.

They cited studies showing that black people are far more likely than white people to die in police shootings and that California has five of the nation's 15 police departments with the highest per capita rates of killings by officers: Bakersfield, Stockton, Long Beach, Santa Ana and San Bernardino.

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None That I Can Think Of

I COULD BE WRONG

About this whole district voting thing.

But I don't think so.

The reasons to fight the lawsuit now underway to change our voting system to choose our City Council representatives, from city-wide, at-large to voting by districts for our own neighborhood representative — that were given by our Mayor Ted Winterer in his Feb. 26 deposition, are probably similar to those embraced by the other six Council members.

None of them has tried to stop this very expensive legal battle, paid for with our money. Their high-end team of lawyers from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher seems to be making every objection possible. Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman, who has become a specialist in these kinds of voting lawsuits, wanted to depose Maria Leon-Vazquez over her school board votes in favor of large contracts to companies her husband Tony, Council member and former Mayor, represented as a paid consultant but did not disclose. Nor did she.

That seems like a good idea to me. I want to know about that. The City's hired guns argued, "1) The deposition subpoena inflicts abuse, embarrassment and harassment on Ms. Vazquez," calling it "not a fishing expedition, this is a hunting expedition."

Shenkman responded, "Judge Cardenas' ruling denying the City of Santa Monica's attempt to prevent Maria Leon-Vazquez's deposition is essentially the same reasoning as (his) ruling rejecting the City's arguments regarding further depositions of O'Day, Davis and T. Vazquez." So, having had this argument previously rejected, by the same referee, they decided to try it again. They're getting paid by the hour, no matter how this eventually turns out.

"The City has wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars to prevent these depositions, and lost every one," Shenkman stated, "and now indicates that it will appeal the rulings to Judge Palazuelos, thus wasting even more money in an effort to hide the truth."

I'M BETTING

No Council member comes out and says...

Are you kidding? Make it harder for me to get re-elected? Maybe have to run against other incumbents in my neighborhood? This is working great, don't mess with it. Look at all the six-figure piles of campaign money I can pull in as a city-wide representative. Especially since we all pretty much march in lockstep on major issues, like development. All I have to do is get the endorsement (and money and phones and mailers) of SMRR, and I'm in. And I've been courting SMRR for years. Happy to carry their water. Don't really need much else.

And once I get in, well, how many times has an incumbent lost? Only three times since 1990. So don't even think about term limits. Pam O'Connor is going into her third decade on Council, Kevin McKeown is on the verge of that: now that's political power. Herb Katz would've gone at least 28 years if he hadn't died in office, Ken Genser same thing, at least 24 years. Is this a good idea, really, no matter how you feel about the individuals? Bob Holbrook served 24 years and retired.

California's biggest cities, including LA, San Diego, and San Francisco, held elections by district before the advent of the Voting Rights Act. But among California's 482 cities, only 59 hold district elections, according to a report released in December by California Common Cause. The LA Times' Phil Willon reported last year that at least 14 more are considering switching over the next two years and most of them are facing threats of a lawsuit if they don't.

Eric Dunn, an attorney for the city of Hesperia, said the main driver for their switch to district elections was the legal threat. No local government that holds city-wide elections has ever won a California Voting Rights Act lawsuit, according to the League of California Cities.

"That's tipped the scales for many cities," Dunn said. "As the city attorney, you're in a position where you have to tell your client that your odds of winning are zero."

I guess our City Attorney offered different counsel to our Council. Why?

TED TALKS

Here's what our Mayor argued in favor of rejecting district voting. "Q" is the plaintiff's lawyer (Shenkman), "A" is Winterer.

Q. What was the substance of your conversations with Kevin McKeown outside of closed session about district elections?

A. Generally, we are in agreement with what we perceived as the shortcomings of district elections.

Q. What are those shortcomings?

A. Voters of Santa Monica forfeit their ability to vote for all seven council members and instead vote once every four years for one council member. And the district elections do not, as some people purport, assure that that district would have greater weight at the City Council. Because even if in my neighborhood, I was the Ocean Park representative. Right now all seven council members need the votes of the people of Ocean Park, right? So if Ocean Park has a project they're interested in or have an issue, all seven council members have to pay attention to it. If it's just me, I was the only one paying attention to my local constituents' concerns. The six other council members, in whatever districts they might be in, would not give a hoot about my constituents. And to get anything done at the council level, I would still need three votes to form a majority to take action on behalf of my constituents.

Q. Any other reasons?

A. Well, I think they create balkanization and pit neighborhood against neighborhood as opposed to doing what's best for the city as a whole. I think they have the potential, as they do in L.A., to require council members to make deals with other council members to get their votes for their particular project. For instance, if Mike Bonin wants money from the city council (to) address the homeless population in Venice, or if he wants to fund for a shelter or whatever that his particular constituents are concerned about, then he has to vote for the high-rise tower in Hollywood that that particular council member is supporting. So they're not necessarily working for the good of the city.

Q. Any other reasons?

A. None that I can think of.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Lawyers spend a great deal of their time shoveling smoke." — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (US Supreme Court justice, 30 years)

CHARLES ANDREWS has lived in Santa Monica for 32 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Zoning Ordinance. Proposed Changes, Corrections, and Clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance Related to Policy Issues That Have Arisen Since the Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance through its Implementation. Consideration of a Resolution recommending to the City Countil the adoption of an Ordinance recommending amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that are related to policy issues that have arisen since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance in july 2015 through its implementation.

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission before or at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail tony.kim@smgov.net The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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CITY COUNCIL

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PDFs before public comments.

"The concern about...viruses on digital media is very well founded," Council member Kevin McKeown said during the meeting. "In fact, I think we've been kind of reckless letting people just plug into the computer over here which is hooked up to the city network."

USB drives, which have been used to upload last minute presentations at City Hall, can be loaded with sophisticated malware and viruses. In fact, thumb drives have been used to penetrate some of the world's most secure networks, including the Department of Defense itself, according to the digital security firm CyberScout.

While the computer in Council chambers can screen files for viruses, its connection to the network poses a security threat to City Hall and staff members, according to a recent report by City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren. Anderson-Warren had initially requested an additional 24 hours to screen and upload digital files, however, members of the public complained it did not give them enough time to respond to lengthy staff reports, which are posted 72 hours before a public meeting.

"Often someone won't even be clear if they can attend a council meeting to make a presentation until the day before or the day of," former mayor Michael Feinstein wrote to the City Council. The Council decided to move the deadline to Tuesday in order to give the public an extra full business day to draft presentations.

The new deadline will not apply to members of boards and commissions addressing the City Council on behalf of their public agency. The public will still have access to an overhead projector to display physical sheets of paper they bring with them to a meeting. The clerk says the digital files will not be screened for content.

The number of digital files submitted for use during the public comment period varies greatly from meeting to meeting. In addition to the virus scan, the clerk says the new deadline will help her prepare presentation materials to reduce delays and disruptions during the meeting. The public can still submit digital materials for "14 Items" which is the only opportunity to publicly address the Council about issues that are not on the agenda.

The president of Mid-City Neighbors and frequent commentator Andrew Hoyer said he was happy the Clerk would be organizing the files before the meeting.

"The system here can be a little wonky," Hoyer said.

The new rules will go into effect starting April 10 (next week's City Council meeting). Files should be emailed to the City Clerk's Office at clerk@smgov.net and include the meeting date, agenda item number and the name of the public speaker, who must be present to participate.

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CENSUS

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Schneiderman said at a news conference. He added that it would end a longstanding bipartisan effort to ensure the census is accurate and that the Bureau of the Census carries out its mandate to conduct a full and fair count of the population, including citizens and non-citizens.

The Census Bureau hasn't included a citizenship question in its survey of all U.S. households since 1950, well before passage of a 1965 law meant to ensure minority groups were fully represented in the once-a-decade count. The NAACP has said the plans for the census will lead to a massive undercounting of blacks.

The lawsuit, which also included the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors as a plaintiff, said adding the citizenship demand to the 2020 census questionnaire was arbitrary and will "fatally undermine the accuracy of the population count."

It asked for a ruling that the citizenship demand is unauthorized and unconstitutional.

A government spokesman did not immediately comment. The Justice Department has said it "looks forward to defending the reinstatement of the citizenship question." The Commerce Department has said the benefits of obtaining citizenship information "outweighed the limited potential adverse impacts."

According to the lawsuit, nearly a quarter of households in New York state did not return their 2010 census questionnaire, requiring an in-person follow-up. It noted that one-in-five New York residents were born in another country.

At the news conference, three other New York Democrats criticized the plan.

U.S. Rep. Nydia Velazquez called the citizenship question a "blatant attempt to undermine our Constitution and to undermine our democracy."

U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler said it was a "brazen attempt by the Trump administration to cheat on the census, to undermine the integrity of the census and to attack states ... to steal electoral votes from those states and give them to more congenial states that will vote Republican."

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney predicted the lawsuit will end before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It is unprecedented. It is wrong. And it's got to be stopped," she said of the citizenship question.

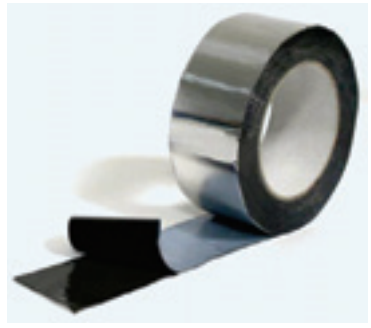
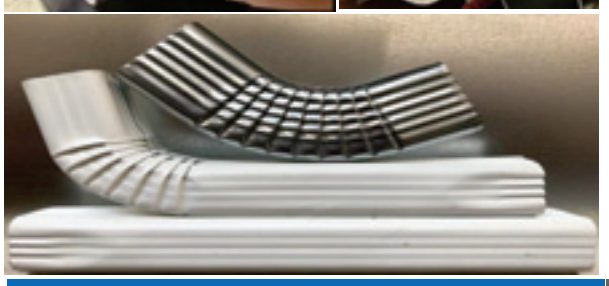
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California's attorney general filed a separate lawsuit last week that seeks to block the citizenship question from being added to the census questionnaire.

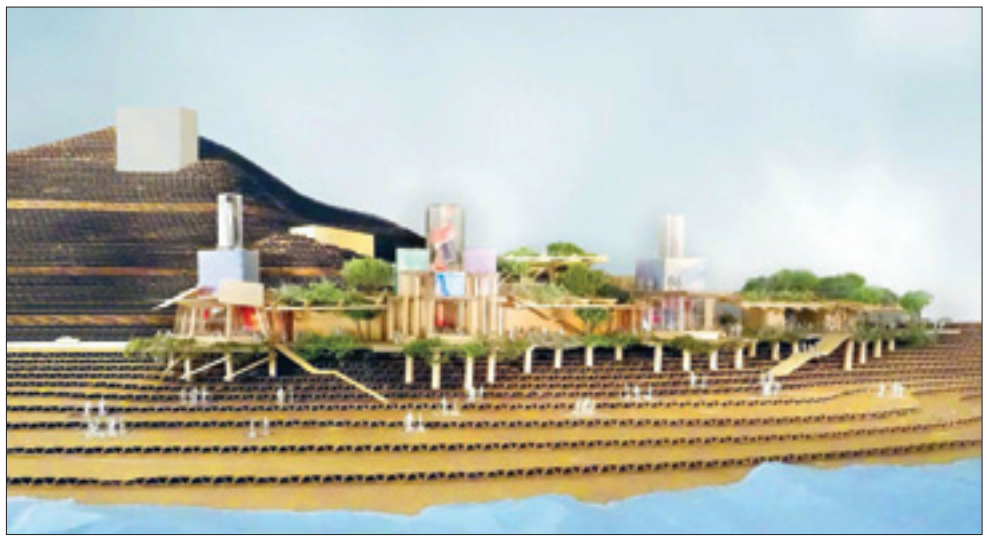
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CONCEPT: **A rough concept for the new restaurant was presented on Tuesday.**

WOLFGANG

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negotiations with PCH Beach Associates fail to produce an agreement, the Board would have to decide on moving to the second-choice company or restarting the process.

The search process began in April of last year. The County requested a high-quality concept that preserved public access to the beach with a farm/ocean to-table approach, labor peace agreement and access to public transit.

Four companies submitted proposals for the site and were evaluated by an independent committee on experience, transportation plans, fiscal strength, benefit to the county and ability to ultimately deliver the project.

PCH Beach Associates was selected with Wolfgang Puck overseeing concept and operations in a building designed by Frank Gehry.

"This for me will probably be my lifetime dream," said Puck. "To be working with Frank Gehry and have my new flagship here in L.A. County."

He said his concept will employ over 300 people serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a cluster of eateries. Puck said that in addition to the full sit-down restaurant, the site will include a café and ice-cream shop for casual visitors.

"It will enhance what we do but mainly create a totally new experience for Angelenos," he said.

Nicholas Buford spoke on behalf of the second-choice company, Sunset at Ocean Partners LLC and said his company was extremely disappointed in what he called a flawed process for selecting the new operator.

He said PCH had failed to provide the required documents required in the application and asked that the selection process is extended to allow more time to review his concerns.

A reduced count board voted in favor of the agreement 3 – 1 with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas absent. The vote to authorize negotiations is the start of what could be a year's long process before the new restaurant opens.

In approving the negotiations, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said none of the applicants had submitted perfect paperwork but she was confident the process had been appropriate.

Kuehl said the famous location hadn't necessarily lost its appeal but much more could have been done at the intersection of Sunset Blvd. and the Pacific Coast Highway.

"This is a big deal, and so when we asked for the (Request for Proposal) to go out we were very specific about a lot of concerns the County has including emphasizing the Labor Peace Agreement ... all the things the county really cares about in terms of the people who work in a place but for me it was also about the people going to the place," she said.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger was the lone "no" vote and she said her vote wasn't about the applicants but about the way the County handled the process.

"I have a fundamental concern about how this played out on both sides," she said.

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Woman shoots and wounds 4 at YouTube before killing herself

BY JEFF CHIU & SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

A woman opened fire at YouTube headquarters Tuesday, setting off a panic among employees and wounding at least four people before fatally shooting herself, police and witnesses said.

Officers and federal agents swarmed the company's complex in the Bay Area city of San Bruno after receiving multiple 911 calls reporting gunfire.

Television news footage showed people leaving the building in a line, holding their arms in the air. Officers patted them down to make sure none had weapons.

YouTube employee Vadim Lavrusik posted on Twitter that he heard gunshots and saw people running. He said he was barricaded in a room with co-workers before being safely evacuated.

Will Hudson said a friend who works for YouTube texted him about the shooter.

"I think there might be a shooter in my building," read one text. "The fire alarm went off so we started to evacuate and then people (started) running saying there was a shooter."

San Francisco General Hospital received three patients: a 36-year-old man in critical condition, a 32-year-old woman in serious condition and a 27-year-old woman in fair condition, a spokesman said.

The hospital expected more patients.

Google, which owns the world's biggest online video website, posted on Twitter that the company was coordinating with authorities. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said it also responded.

The White House said President Donald Trump was briefed on a shooting and that officials were monitoring developments.

Hudson said his friend made it safely back to San Francisco and was in contact with his family. Hudson said he's become used to hearing about gun violence but has never been so close to it.

"It just feels strange. It feels like it could really be anyone. That's really the strangeness of it," he said.

Calls and emails to YouTube representatives were not immediately returned.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SSW/S swell building for exposures. Small W/WNW swell.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
Fun SSW/S swell tops out. Minor WNW swell fades.



City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4th Street Suite 250**, Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID #4331 PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR PIER DECKBOARD REPLACEMENT AND NAIL PATROL.

Submission Deadline is April 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

BID #4336 PROVIDE ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS TO SERVICE AND REPAIR PUMP MOTOR EQUIPMENT SUCH AS STARTERS, DRIVES, AND CONTROLS.

Submission Deadline is April 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MARCH 22, 2018 AT ABOUT 3:53 A.M.

While patrolling the area of 1600 5th Street, officers were flagged down by a female victim that was crying and appeared distraught. Officers learned the victim was walking with the male suspect. The victim was walking away from the suspect when he accused the victim of taking his cellular telephone. The suspect grabbed the victim's phone and struck her in the face with it. The suspect grabbed the victim's backpack and emptied its contents looking for his phone. The suspect fled the location with the victim's cellular telephone. Later that day at about 6:25 p.m., officers responded to a radio call for service at the 400 block of Broadway regarding a subject creating a disturbance. Officers arrived and identified the subject as same involved in the incident earlier that day. Davon Ray Morgan, 34, homeless, was interviewed and admitted his interaction with the victim. Morgan was taken into custody with no bail set.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 385 Calls For Service On Apr. 2.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Death notification 1500 block 7th 12:02 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block the beach 12:37 a.m.
Sexual assault 500 block California 1:46 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1400 block Grant 3:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block 17th 7:04 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Bryn Mawr 7:32 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 7:49 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1300 block Ocean 8:10 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Olympic 8:17 a.m.
Grand theft 3200 block Donald Douglas Loop 8:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 18th 8:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block Beverley 8:36 a.m.
Elder abuse 2200 block Colorado 8:42 a.m.
Assault 1300 block 3rd street Prom 8:42 a.m.
Traffic collision 200 block Santa Monica 8:57 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Santa Monica 9:29 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 20th 9:34 a.m.
Auto burglary 14th / Arizona 9:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block Highland 9:52 a.m.
Fraud 900 block Euclid 10:00 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 10:15 a.m.
Battery 5th / Arizona 10:23 a.m.
Grand theft 2100 block 3rd 10:23 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block Bay 10:46 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 11:16 a.m.
Failure to pay parking tickets 2600 block Barnard 11:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 18th 11:48 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 2nd 12:01 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 26th 12:52 p.m.
Fraud 1200 block 20th 1:03 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 4th 1:32 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Ocean 1:36 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Montana 1:39 p.m.
Encampment 600 block Olympic 2:00 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 300 block 15th 2:03 p.m.
Grand theft 2500 block Kansas 2:06 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 2:06 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 2:15 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1200 block 14th 2:15 p.m.
Elder abuse 1000 block 12th 2:30 p.m.
Threats 700 block Palisades Beach 2:43 p.m.
Grand theft 2600 block 25th 2:48 p.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 2:50 p.m.
Identity theft 400 block Adelaide 3:19 p.m.
Critical missing person 700 block Pico 3:25 p.m.
Person down 20th / Olympic 3:25 p.m.
Hit and run 900 block Euclid 3:26 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block Santa Monica Pier 3:36 p.m.
Grand theft 3100 block Ocean Park 3:43 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Hill 4:03 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 4:26 p.m.
Hit and run Neilson Way / Pacific 4:54 p.m.
Loud music 2200 block Ocean Front Walk 5:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2700 block 6th 5:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block Main 5:08 p.m.
Traffic collision 2nd / Wilshire 5:33 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 17th 5:47 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block 6th 5:50 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1700 block Lincoln 5:53 p.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block Ocean Park 5:53 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Lincoln 5:55 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Wilshire 6:05 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block 4th 6:11 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 900 block 7th 6:39 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Pico 6:40 p.m.
Threats 2500 block 5th 6:42 p.m.
Identity theft 400 block 18th 7:55 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Santa Monica Pl 8:55 p.m.
Person with a gun 3100 block Wilshire 9:16 p.m.
Prowler 2100 block Ocean Park 9:18 p.m.
Grand theft 900 block 16th 9:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 18th 9:23 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block Ocean 9:37 p.m.
Fight 2800 block Ocean Park 9:44 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Ocean 9:49 p.m.
Battery Ocean / Colorado 10:12 p.m.
Person with a gun 1500 block 4th 10:36 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 6th 10:45 p.m.

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/30
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Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 40M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 3/31
12 27 29 30 47
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/2
5 7 14 29 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/2
MIDDAY: 4 4 2
Draw Date: 4/2
EVENING: 9 8 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/2
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:40.74

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1931, Alka Seltzer debuted in the United States, created by Hub Beardsley, the president of Miles Laboratories. Beardsley had originated the idea after a visit to Elkhart, Ind. during a severe flu outbreak in 1928. The outbreak seemed to have little impact at the local newspaper, where the editor explained that at the first sign of illness, he treated staff with a mix of aspirin and baking soda. Beardsley asked his chief chemist, Maurice Treneer to develop an effervescent tablet with aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) and sodium bicarbonate as the main ingredients. The resulting tablet was a success, though Beardsley died in 1929 and did not see its debut.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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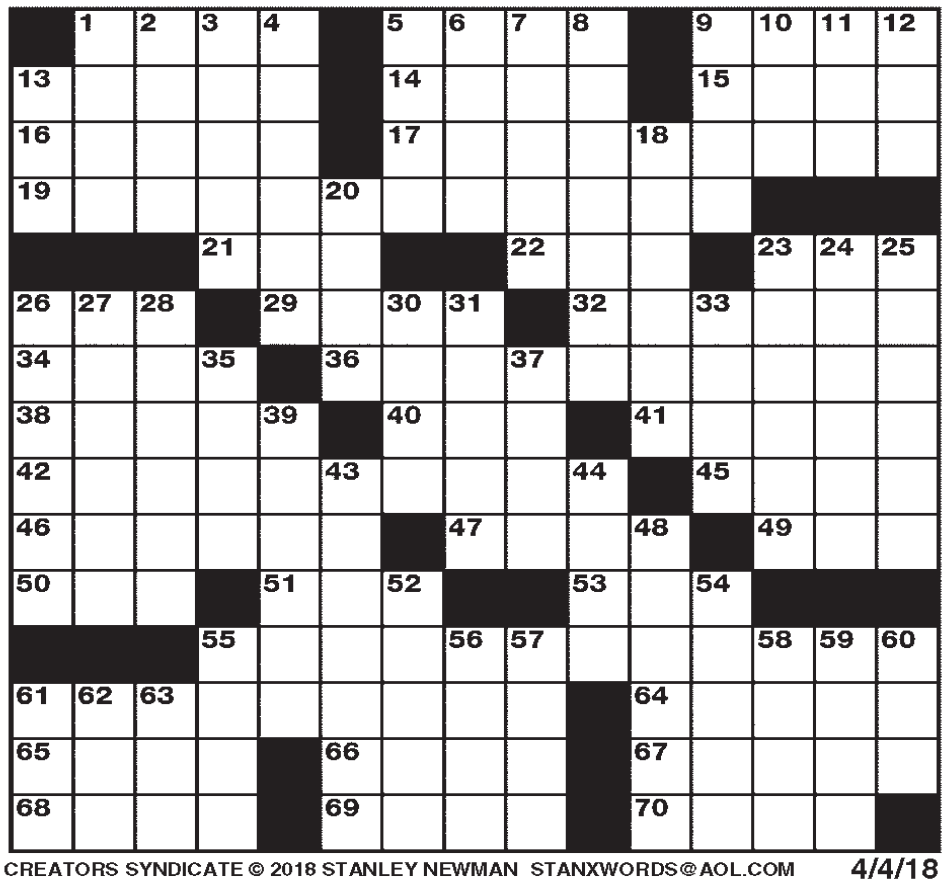
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Newsday Crossword

MATTER OF FACT by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Title to call a king
5 Small pieces
9 Japanese martial art
13 Police car's signal
14 Border on
15 Preowned
16 Parcel of land
17 Significant event
19 Cash and equivalents
21 Hwy.
22 Chimp or gorilla
23 Frequently, in poetry
26 Precious stone
29 Urban recreation ctr.
32 Undiminished
34 Smartphone app logo
36 One-toned
38 Attaches with adhesive
40 __ Glory (US flag)
41 Polo participant
42 Place to fill the tank
45 First-aid boxes
46 Person assembling a roster
47 World Series lead-in: Abbr.
49 Federal purchasing org.
50 Poetic preposition
51 "Who __ you kidding?"
53 Sound asleep
55 Display for some large TVs
61 Antonyms
64 "Deck the Halls" plant
65 Transaction
66 Computer whiz
67 Walk slowly
68 Palm tree fruit
69 Fishing boat gear
70 Spots with springs and saunas

DOWN
1 Apple's digital assistant
2 Neighbor of Jordan
3 Happen again
4 Any real thing
5 Tuscaloosa team, to fans
6 Marsh bird
7 Oklahoma city
8 Brewed, as tea
9 Protrudes
10 Soldiers' entertainment grp.
11 Bear's residence
12 Complimentary poem
13 Mo. city
18 Bad smell
20 Congressional contingent, in headlines
23 Offshore drilling equipment
24 Puts icing on
25 Nun with a Nobel Prize
26 Little laugh
27 Cream-filled pastry
28 Hair-care concoction
30 Ducklike bird
31 Exhausted
33 Absconded with
35 Home for hatchlings
37 One admired
39 Absconds with
43 Bring to court for a plea
44 Sgts. and cpls.
48 For example
52 Lauder of cosmetics
54 Walk heavily
55 Fishing rod
56 Run into
57 Calls upon
58 Napoleon exile isle
59 Right-angle shapes
60 "Science Guy" of TV
61 Quite strange
62 Potpie morsel
63 Portion of butter



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 4)

This solar return starts with a long-overdue solution. The missing part shows up; the strong area overtakes weakness; an imbalance of power is set right. Your new and improved routine will create a better lifestyle for you. A major purchase happens in August, and you'll be building on this through the rest of 2018. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 44, 31 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Try on the motto, "Anything I can do, I can do better with friends," and see how it fits. Today's luck will be delivered as you reach out, especially with regards to a scenario you might usually try and handle on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
One of the great social paradoxes: Everyone hates people who are universally liked. Better to be acknowledged by one person whose opinion you value than by hundreds you don't even know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Someday, when you've an urgent request or some exciting news to share, you'll discover that your reach is extensive and your network is mighty fine. Why? Because of the goodwill you build on days like today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Does it seem that the more you learn, the less you know? It's because learning makes you aware of the vastness of available and unavailable knowledge. The smartest among us are comfortable with the unknown.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Romance is a kind of enchantment. That doesn't necessarily mean it's unreal, but it's a spell, and like most spells, it can make the impossible happen. It can also be broken.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
When you casually connect with people just because you feel like it, you build bridges that extend from your world to theirs — bridges you'll be able to cross more or less whenever you want to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
No matter how genius the plan is, if you don't follow it, it's worthless. So the plan doesn't have to be the "best" plan. It just has to be the stickiest one. The best plan is the one you'll actually follow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Your great days tend to follow a formula: your favorite people, an interesting turn of events and a stroke of luck. Today's efforts will help to set up a great day in your near future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Perhaps the best way to destroy your enemies is to make them your friends. You disagree on many things; it's true. If you're looking for it, you'll also find that you agree on many things. Find the common ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The way you do something impossible is with a pretty simple equation. You do it in possible steps. Possibility multiplied by consistent effort over time equals impossible things done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Love isn't defined by a marriage certificate, the length of a relationship, or any single act. Similarly, learning isn't defined by a certificate, class hours logged or a test score. Learning is like love. It is as it does.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
In a weird way, you don't have to align yourself with like minds. Maybe they emit a kind of magnetic wave or something, because you seem to find them wherever you go today, and the alignment happens quite naturally.

Planetary Strength Test

When things don't go to plan, you care more about being strong than looking strong. Paradoxically, being strong sometimes means looking vulnerable, ridiculous and sad. And here's something else to keep in mind during this square of Mercury and Mars: There's nothing of value to be gained from looking strong. Being strong is everything.

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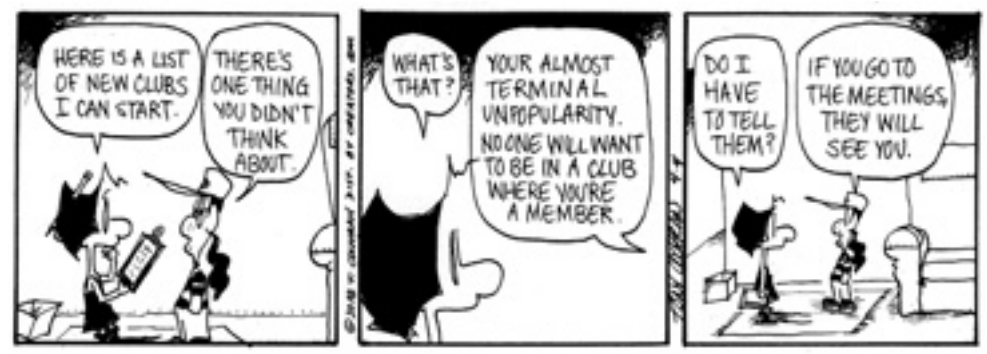


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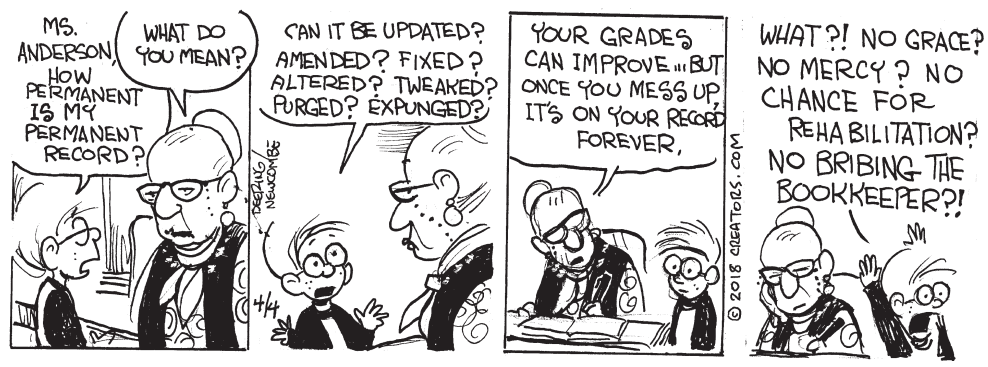
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School
■ Q: What is the purlicue?
■ A: Rarely used, it refers to the space between the forefinger and thumb. The word is thought to derive from the Scots term "pirlie," meaning curly or twisted.

Observation
■ "God presumably did not put an opiate receptor in our brains so that we could eventually discover how to get high on opium."

—CANDACE PERT, PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGICAL RESEARCHER

Epitaphs
■ Here lie I, Martin Elginbrod
■ Have mercy on my soul, Lord God
■ As I on you, were I Lord God
■ And you were Martin Elginbrod

—CEMETERY TOMBSTONE IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Dissecting 'Grey's Anatomy'
■ The popular TV show Grey's Anatomy is often extolled by its fans as a realistic (if dramatized) look at life and death in the emergency room. So a group of doctors at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Arizona decided to see just how accurately the show depicted real life and real medical emergencies and conditions.
■ They watched 269 episodes, comparing the fictional tales of 290 TV patients with a sample of 4,812 patients from the National Trauma Databank.
■ Their first finding: The TV world is a lot more deadly. The death rate among fictional ER patients was three times higher than it is in real life. On the other hand, TV trauma patients seem to heal faster, with just 6 percent transferred to long-term medical care compared to 22 percent of actual patients.
■ In TV land, it seems, trauma patients have surgery and then go home — unless they die. In both cases, it all happens pretty quickly — 60 minutes or less.

Body of Knowledge
■ In one hour, you typically shed roughly 600,000 particles of skin. Over the course of a year, those particles add up to about 1 1/2 pounds, about the same weight as an iPad.

Life in Big Macs
■ One hour of water aerobics burns 272 calories (based on a 150-pound person) or the equivalent of almost half of a Big Mac, one entire grande Starbucks caffe latte or 3 1/2 glasses of wine — none of which you should consume just prior to entering the pool.

Counts
■ 1 in 22: Odds that a newborn in Pakistan will die within the first month of life, the highest newborn mortality rate in the world. It's 50 times higher than the rate in Japan (1 in 1,111), where infants have the best odds
■ 1 in 270: Odds in the United States, tied with Serbia for 143 best among 184 countries

SOURCE: UNICEF

Doc Talk
■ Cellulitis: A bacterial infection involving the inner layers of skin, typically resulting in a rash. Not to be confused with cellulite, which is the dimpling of skin caused by a combination of factors ranging from hormones to heredity. Cellulitis is relatively common. Cellulite even more so: It's estimated 85 to 98 percent of women after pubescence develop the condition to some extent.

Phobia of the Week
■ Geniophobia: Fear of chins

Never Say Diet
■ The Major League Eating record for beef tongue is 3 pounds, 3 ounces in 12 minutes, held by Dominic Cardo. Whether Mr. Cardo was able to hold his tongue is not known.

Best Medicine
■ A painter got a call from a gallery showing his work. The gallery owner said, "I've got good news and bad news. The good news is a man came in and asked if your work was the kind that would increase in value after the artist's death. I said yes, and he bought all 15 paintings. The bad news is the man was your doctor."

Hypochondriac's Guide
■ Blue Rubber Bleb Nevus Syndrome is a condition in which persons suffer from extremely painful, constantly bleeding lesions inside and outside of the body.

Observation
■ "The body is a sacred garment."

—AMERICAN DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER MARTHA GRAHAM (1894-1991)

Medical History
■ This week in 1877, Louis Pasteur began studying the virulent anthrax bacteria in his laboratory at Lille, France, spurred by a devastating outbreak of the disease, fatal to cattle and sheep. Robert Koch had already identified the anthrax bacterium and Pasteur showed it was the cause of the disease. He began working on a vaccine and tested it four years later. Inoculated cows and sheep survived; an untreated control group died. A few years later, Pasteur would produce an effective rabies vaccine for people.

Med School
■ Q: What's the best, easiest thing to drink for an upset stomach?
■ A: Not an ice-cold soda. The carbonation is likely to exacerbate intestinal distress since the gases expand the stomach (until you burp, which may provide a sense of relief). Coldness slows metabolic activity. Think gut freeze. Most doctors advise a warm, flat beverage — perhaps ginger ale since ginger has been shown to relax the intestinal tract and relieve nausea.

Curtain Calls
■ In 620 BC, the Athenian lawmaker Draco was smothered to death by gifts of cloaks and hats showered upon him by appreciative citizens at a theatre.

Makes Your Bank Account Boil
■ If you have hypertension, a chronic condition that affects an estimated third of U.S. adults, your blood pressure isn't the only thing on the high side. So, too, are your health care costs. The Health Care Cost Institute says that in 2016, adults with hypertension spent 3.2 times more in total and 2.2 times more in out-of-pocket costs for health care than adults without hypertension.
■ To be sure, folks with high blood pressure tried to cut costs. In 2016, adults resorted to fewer inpatient and professional services compared to 2012, but more outpatient services and prescription drugs. The drug costs were the biggest driver, primarily because of increased brand name usage.



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